

REMARKS

Claims 11-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 11, 12, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended to more clearly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

No new matter is added by this Amendment. Support for the amendments to claims 11 and 17 is found in the original specification. In particular, support for the language added to claims 11 and 17 may be found in, for example, paragraph [0033] beginning on page 11, line 8.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

According to the Patent Office, Applicant's Amendment filed on January 8, 2004 was allegedly non-responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003 because the newly added claims 11-26 were not readable on the originally elected invention. The Patent Office considered the newly added claims to be related to the original claims in a "combination-subcombination relationship."

The Patent Office suggested amending the claim preambles to more directly recite a method of making a tire, as well as amending the claim elements to more clearly recite that the extruded ribbon is extruded onto the tire and not onto the carrier.

The preamble of claims 11 and 17 have been amended to recite, in part "A method for producing a tire having a tire reinforcing member in the form of an annular laminated body." In addition, claims 11 and 17 have been further amended to more clearly recite the steps for making the tire, including forming the green tire. In claim 11, the annular laminated body is formed separate from the green tire but is recited to be incorporated into the green tire. In claim 17, the annular laminated body is formed on the green tire.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 11-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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